Janitor kills 6 in shooting spree

FULLERTON, Calif. (UPI) — A janitor at California State University, apparently went berserk in the university's library Monday, repeatedly firing a rifle and killing six fellow employes and critically wounding three others, police reported.

The janitor, Edward Charles Allaway, 37, telephoned police after the incident, identified himself as "the man who did the shooting," and added "come and get me."

Police said he went to see his estranged wife, a waitress at the Hilton Hotel in neighboring Anaheim, after the shooting, to plead for a reconciliation. A rifle was found in the back of Allaway's car parked at the hotel.

The dead were identified as Deborah Paulsen and Donald E. Karges, custodians; Seth Fessenden, a professor emeritus; Bruce A. Jacobson and Paul Herzberg, technicians; and Stephen Becker, a photographer.

Maynard Hoffman, 65, head custodian; Donald Karon, 55, a librarian; and Frank Teplansky, a technician, were taken to St. Jude Hospital. They were reported to be in critical condition.

Allaway, described as a loner, failed to report for work on schedule at 6 a.m. Monday. He entered the library building after 8 a.m., reportedly carrying the rifle.

Shots broke the silence in the library.

Jenny Galvan, a secretary in the education department, said she heard a noise that "sounded like a firecracker." Then someone ran by and cried, "Someone's been shot."

Mrs. Galvan ran out of her office with two other women, and they saw Allaway running toward them.

"He ran right past us, then stopped and turned," she said. "He pointed the gun at us but then pulled it away and shot Debbie (Paulsen)."

Mrs. Galvan said Ms. Paulsen had been working in the area and started to run when she saw the gunman.

"He fired one shot and struck her and then he ran," said Mrs. Galvan. "I saw all this happening, but I just couldn't comprehend what was going on, the shock was so great."

Maria Martinez, another witness and also a school employe, said she and her supervisor, Richard Corona, were walking up the stairs from the library basement when the suspect passed them on his way down.

He carried a rifle and "mumbled something's wrong here; something doesn't belong here' or words to that effect," the two told police.

The campus shooting recalled a similar incident at the University of Texas in 1966. Charles Whitman, firing from a tower, killed 14 persons and wounded 32 others after slaying his wife and his mother.